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	Thierry L. Pham	2625
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DETAILED ACTION

• This action is responsive to the following communication: Notice of appeal and pre-appeal conference request filed on 6/8/07 and authorized Examiner's amendment dated 7/13/07.

• Claims 1-2 are allowed and claim 3 has been canceled as the results of authorized Examiner's amendment. Claims 1-2 are amended to include "a computer readable medium storing", see Examiner's amendment for details.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see pages 1-4, filed6/8/07, with respect to claims 1-2 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The prior art rejection of claims 1-2 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-2 are allowable over prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The cited prior arts (applicant's admitted prior art, US 6181436 to Kurachi, and US 5671669 to Okuda et al) of record teach an image forming apparatus for forming images on a printer, however, the cited prior arts of record fail to teach and/or suggest a printer driver having features of determining whether a watermark print item is selected on the setting items, the printer driver automatically selects a secret operation item if the watermark item has been selected, wherein secret operation item instructing the stencil printing machine to remove a used stencil sheet from a print drum and dispose of used stencil sheet after said number of copies have been printed and in combinations of other features" as cited in independent claims 1-2 The examiner found neither prior art cited in its entirety, nor based on the prior art, found any motivation to combine any of prior arts that teaches the above limitations and in combinations of other features cited in claims 1-2.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thierry L. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-7439. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30 AM - 6:00 PM).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David K. Moore can be reached on (571)272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be

unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure

consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the

issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with

Matthew Moffa on 713/07.

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing a printer driver provided at a host

computer while said host computer is connected to a stencil printing machine through

communications, for setting items of various printing conditions for said stencil printing

including a number of copies to be printed,

wherein the various setting items for said printing conditions are displayed;

if the printer driver determines that a watermark print item is selected on the setting

items, the printer driver automatically selects a secret operation item said secret operation item

instructing said stencil printing machine to remove a used stencil sheet from a print drum and

dispose of said used stencil sheet after said number of copies have been printed; and

information on the items are transmitted, together with the print data, to the stencil

printing machine.

2. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing a printer driver, provided at a host

computer while said host computer is connected to a stencil printing machine through

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communications, for setting items of various printing conditions for said stencil printing machine including a number of copies to be printed,

wherein the various setting items for said printing conditions are displayed;

if a watermark print item is selected on the setting items, a selection screen of a secret operation item for allowing said stencil printing machine to execute a secret keeping operation for print data secret is displayed;

the items are made selectable;

if the printer driver determines that said secret operation item is selected, the printer driver automatically selects a secret keeping operation for print data, said secret keeping operation instructing said stencil printing machine to remove a used stencil sheet from a print drum and dispose of said stencil sheet after said number of copies have been printed; and

information on the selected items are transmitted, together with print data, to the stencil printing machine.

3. (Canceled).